

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of making a foam comprising:
providing two syringes connected by a connector, wherein syringe one is charged with a liquid phase and syringe two is ~~charge~~ charged with a gas phase, syringe one is ~~charge~~ charged with the liquid phase and the gas phase, or both syringes are charged with the liquid phase and the gas phase; and
transferring the liquid phase and the gas phase repeatedly between the syringes ~~via a connector~~ to form a foam, wherein
the liquid phase comprises at least one sclerosing agent and
the gas phase consists essentially of gaseous nitrogen present in an amount ranging from 0.0001% to 0.8% by volume and at least one physiologically acceptable gas.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the liquid phase and gas phase passing between the syringes is caused to pass through a mesh comprising apertures with a maximum dimension ranging from 1 to 200 micron.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the maximum dimension ranges from 2 to 50 micron.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the maximum dimension ranges from 3 ~~and~~ to 20 micron.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the gas phase is at least 70% by volume oxygen.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the gas phase is at least 90% by volume oxygen.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the gas phase is at least 99% by volume oxygen.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the gas phase is ~~substantially~~ 100% by volume oxygen.
9. (Previously presented) A method of making a foam comprising:
 - (a) providing a syringe comprising a barrel, a first plunger and a second plunger, the second plunger having an apertured plunger head which is adapted to be movable within the barrel independently of the first plunger, the syringe being charged with a liquid phase and a gas phase; and
 - (b) oscillating the second plunger to form a foam;wherein

the liquid phase comprises at least one sclerosing agent and
the gas phase consists essentially of gaseous nitrogen present in an amount
ranging from 0.0001% to 0.8% by volume and at least one physiologically acceptable
gas.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the apertures in the
second plunger have a maximum dimension ranging from 1 to 200 micron.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the apertures in the
second plunger have a maximum dimension ranging from 2 ~~and~~ to 50 micron.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the apertures in the
second plunger have a maximum dimension ranging from 3 ~~and~~ to 20 micron.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the gas phase is at
least 70% by volume oxygen.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the gas phase is at
least 90% by volume oxygen.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the gas phase is at
least 99% by volume oxygen.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the gas phase is substantially 100% by volume oxygen.

17. (Currently amended) A sterile pack comprising:

(a) a syringe charged with at least one liquid sclerosing agent and a gas mixture consisting ~~consists~~ essentially of gaseous nitrogen present in an amount ranging from 0.0001% to 0.8% by volume and at least one other physiologically acceptable gas;

(b) a gas atmosphere inside the pack having substantially the same composition as the said gas mixture in the syringe.

18. (Previously presented) The sterile pack of claim 17, wherein the gaseous nitrogen is present in an amount ranging from 0.001% to 0.8% by volume.

19. (Previously presented) The sterile pack of claim 17, wherein the gaseous nitrogen is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 0.8% by volume.

20. (Previously presented) The sterile pack of claim 17, wherein the gaseous nitrogen is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 0.7% by volume.

21. (Previously presented) The sterile pack of claim 17, wherein the gaseous nitrogen is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 0.6% by volume.

22. (Previously presented) The sterile pack of claim 17, wherein the at least one other physiologically acceptable gas is oxygen, carbon dioxide or a mixture thereof.